

BEGINNING OF THE END OF GRAFT

We are at the beginning of a changing order. There is a revolt on in this country. It is a peaceful revolution that will be fought with the ballot. High finance took up graft and raised it to the dignity of a profession.

Five years ago the name of promoting, which previously was followed by lightning rod agents and wildcat mine developers, was taken up in Wall street. Men who had been content to gamble on the rise or fall of stocks undertook to create prices for created certificates.

Rogers tried it and succeeded. He found that the lightning rod agent's game had boundless possibilities. He saw that by inflaming the developing madness for money he could sell nothing for something.

Morgan followed Rogers. He capit-

alized all the iron on earth and sold it. Then the madness for money was on.

Bunking the public became part of the country's financial system.

The plain business of theft was regarded as an antiquated system and the "Honest Grafters" began. He is called honest because he always had big lawyers at the elbows to pilot him through the channels of infamy the law had not charted. And the grafting politician, who was formerly a cheap thief, developed his art into a business.

In New York the political leaders had a back door entrance into the office of the Wall street promoters. Gas franchises, street car franchises and all other franchises were stolen from the people and sold.

In Philadelphia experienced political bosses developed franchise robbery so that franchises had a market value among thieves.

Chicago had its tunnel steal and now is in the midst of an attempt at a traction steal.

Los Angeles, with its lighting and

power and traction abominations, is fast trailing behind.

Not content with grafting in cities, the illegal trusts have started to robbing the individual. The beef trust shears the farmer and steals a dollar or two a week out of the salary of every meat eater. The little fish have begun to devour the minnows.

In Peoria, Ill., a well known educator or robbed the schools and put the money in mining and banking schemes. He wanted to be a millionaire. He was money mad.

In Iowa another educator turned thief. He, too, wanted to get rich quick.

The protest against the things is rising. The people have begun to take notice. W. R. Hearst in his statement to one of the Chicago papers, said:

"We are opposed to bosses and boss rule. We are opposed to graft and the grafters."

What happened at the polls in New York and Philadelphia and in Ohio and elsewhere is but an indication of what is to come.

The anti graft movement is confin-

ed to no party, but is growing. It will grow until scheming lawyers who stand in their professions as Hesians are deprived of an occupation and hoodling councilmen and rich franchise grabbers are put out of business.

The people are thinking. They may be slow thinkers, but when they realize just what is going on they will set matters right. The American people are honest and they are going to see to it that this republic shall not fall through graft or dishonesty.

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The campaign may be long, but there is no doubt of the final result.

It is the beginning of an organized effort all over this country for better conditions in government, in business, in labor and in all human society.—Examiner.

Fast Time by Trolley Express.

The pioneer long distance trolley, express between Cleveland and Toledo has been compelled to run two cars instead of one on each of its three daily trips, and soon the number of runs will be doubled. Already the run has been extended to Detroit, and soon through cars will be put into commission between Cleveland and Bay City, Mich., a distance of 300 miles. The average speed of the trolley express at the Michigan end of the trip is perhaps 28 miles an hour.

The fastest interurban trolley service in the world, for a long distance run, is between Lima and Dayton, O.; for 80 miles the trolley express keeps pace with the locomotive on the competing parallel steam road, and arrives at its destination on time just twice as of ten as does the locomotive.

As it costs less to operate an express than a local trolley car, and the receipts are usually much higher, excess fare is seldom charged on the electric railways, and where there is active competition with the steam railway the trolley express has placed through tickets on sale at less than a half a cent a mile; through the middle west 1½ cents by trolley as against 3 cents per mile by steam road is the usual rate. The Interstate Limited trolley service between Dayton, O., and Indianapolis, Ind., for instance, provides accommodations superior to those offered by the competing steam railway and charges a much lower rate of fare, which also includes transfers to local trolley cars to any part of either terminal city, and makes about as good time between terminals. The cars of the service are each fitted with buffet and kitchen, meals are served in a carte, and every luxury of the ullman service is provided. These express buffet cars are capable of maintaining a continuous speed of 65 miles per hour and when this direct service is extended to Cleveland, as it will be in the near future, through sleepers are to be added to the equipment.—Alexander. Ford in The Independent.

Growth of Telephone Habit.

The Wall Street Journal says: "Once acquired, there is no cure for the telephone habit. The world got along very well for a great many centuries without telephones, but now that it has become accustomed to them they are felt to be indispensable. The telephone development in the United States has been especially remarkable in the past ten years. When it is recalled that telephones were first introduced into commercial use in Wall street in 1878, the statement made by the telephone company that there are now in service and under contract in Manhattan and Bronx 179,215 telephones, or one to every fourteen persons, is calculated to astonish. According to the statement, there are now more telephones in Manhattan and Bronx than there were at the beginning of the year in the entire city of Greater New York. The city is now the first in the world in the number of telephone stations operated.

In this connection an article by Frederick W. Coburn in the November number of the Atlantic Monthly is of interest. He says that no longer ago than 1889 it was held that when in some remote time there would be three telephones to every hundred people in the United States, the limit of telephone use would be reached. A few years ago the telephone people began to predict a probable 10 per cent development of the limit; but so rapid has been the expansion in the last five years that now the prediction is made that the time is approaching when every fifth individual in the country will be a telephone user. That would mean substantially one telephone for every family.

A Natural Result.

It is very reasonable to suppose if the foundation of a structure was removed that the building itself is bound to come down. This simple principle can be applied to disease. Take medicine into the system that will remove the cause of the sickness, and illness will leave of itself. Dyspepsia, indigestion, sick headache and biliousness have their foundation in stomach disorders. Remove this weakness and the other symptoms are no more. There is one cure for this that all druggists sell for 25c per box; it is Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills. They get right at the beginning of the disease and make the cure by taking away the cause.

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Charcoal effectually cleans and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

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A Buffalo physician speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in the stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

Good Congressmen.

A representative in congress from the west tells of an amusing request which he received from one of his constituents. "Dear General," the letter said, "for a long time you have failed to send me any bound volumes containing eulogies of dead members of the house. If convenient, please remember me in this respect, for there is nothing I enjoy more than reading obituaries of dead congressmen."—Harper's Weekly.

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